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JG/Hockenbury

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I called at 135 - 11th Avenue, corner 12th Street, Newark, N.J. Interviewed Frank Hockenbury, who is a conductor on the D. L. & W. R. R. He was the conductor on the train from Hoboken which arrived at East Orange Station at 4:50 A.M. August 1, 1924. He said two men boarded the train at Newark and sat in a rear coach. They had their coats on their arms and their caps in their hands and were in their shirt sleeves. He said one of them was smoking, when he went to collect their fare, and he told them if they wanted to smoke they would have to go into the smoking car. One of them said, "Well, what's the difference?" He said he argued with them for a while and said he would show them what the difference was if they didn't either go into the smoking car or throw away the cigarette. They paid their fare in cash, each paying 15¢ to Orange, N.J.

When the train arrived at East Orange Station he was on the platform looking down towards the rear of the train. He saw these two men looking out the window. When the mail had been taken off the train, he gave the signal to the engineer to go ahead. These two men were still in the train when he got on and the train was pulling out. He walked to the rear car and the two men were gone. They must have left the train shortly after it started to pull out of the East Orange station.

Hockenbury said, "I saw these two men get on at Newark; I collected their fare and punched the slip and gave them a receipt for their money. I had a little argument with them about smoking and for that reason I had a good look at them and I am positive that I could identify either one or both if I should see them again!"

This man has all the appearance of a good, sensible, home man and said that he would be willing at any time to look at any one he thought was the party on his train that night.

JOHN GREGORY, JR.